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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF (CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ)

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1. CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN J. SOLARZ, MEMBER OF CODEL WOLFF, WAS IN BANGKOK AUGUST 15 AND 16. DURING HIS SHORT VISIT CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ MET WITH PRIDA PHATTANABUTR, MINISTER ATTACHED TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; ADMIRAL KAMON SITAKALIN, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND PRACHA KHUNAKASEM, FORMER DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO THE UN. HE LUNCHEDED WITH PROFESSORS FROM THE LEADING UNIVERSITIES, DINED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTIES, THE DEMOCRAT AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THAILAND, AND VISITED CAMBODIAN REFUGEE CAMPS AT ARANYAPRATHET.

2. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE VISIT WAS USEFUL BECAUSE SOLARZ WAS GIVEN A CROSS-SECTION OF VIEWS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING THE THAI INTERNAL SITUATION, THAI-U.S. RELATIONS, AND THAI RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. DURING A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION, PROFESSORS LIKHIT DHERAVIGAN AND TAK CHALOEMTIRANA OF THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY AND KRAMON THONGTHAMACHAT AND SARASIN WIRAPHON OF CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THAI FOREIGN POLICY WAS IN A STATE OF TRANSITION AS
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THAILAND TRIES TO ACCOMODATE HERSELF TO HER NEIGHBORS AND

CHINA IN FACE OF THE POLITICAL POWER REALITIES IN THE REGION.

B. THE "DOMINO THEORY" IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THAILAND FOR HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL REASONS. THEY DO NOT FEAR INVASION OR INTERNAL INSURGENCY DIRECTED BY FORCES FROM WITHOUT. THE GREATEST DANGER IS AN INDIGENOUS INSURGENCY FUELED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO SOLVE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ILLS OF THE SOCIETY.

C. BECAUSE OF THE RADICALLY ALTERED SITUATION IN INDOCHINA THERE IS NO REASON FOR THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF US ARMED FORCES OR BASES IN THAILAND.

D. THE US STILL HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN SEA ESPECIALLY ECONOMICALLY. SHE ALSO HAS A POLITICAL ROLE, ALBEIT REDUCED, AS A COUNTERWEIGHT TO NORTH VIETNAM AND CHINA.

4. THE POLITICAL OFFICER WHO ACCOMPANIED SOLARZ TO ARANYAPRATHET REPORTED THAT SOLARZ WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE "HORROR" STORIES RELATED BY THE CAMBODIAN REFUGEES ON THE CONDITIONS IN CAMBODIA WHICH CAUSED THEM TO FLEE TO THAILAND.

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